

US Army Corps of Engineers Portland District



Oregon Division of State Lands

## **Joint Public Notice**

## Proposed Wetland Mitigation Bank

Cow Hollow Mitigation Bank Douglas County, Oregon

30 Day Notice

Issue Date: September 30, 2003 Closing Date: October 30, 2003

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District (Corps), and the Oregon Division of State Lands (DSL) are considering a proposal to establish a wetland mitigation bank near Roseburg, in Douglas County, Oregon. A prospectus describing the proposed bank has been received from Steve and Kris Denney, and Joe and Betty Jo Parker, the bank sponsors. The mitigation bank site is located in Section 25, Township 27S, Range 7W, approximately 5 miles west of Roseburg, Oregon in the Lookingglass Valley, on Lookingglass Road (County Rd. 5D), along Cow Hollow Creek.

This wetland mitigation bank is being proposed by the bank sponsors as a means to meet the requirements for compensatory mitigation for future and as yet unknown wetland losses which may be permitted by the Corps under the authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and by the DSL in implementing the provisions of Oregon's Removal-Fill Law (ORS 196.800 - 196.990) and according to Rules for Issuance and Enforcement of Removal and Fill Permits (OAR 141-85-005 to OAR 141-85-660), and OAR 141-85-400 to OAR 141-85-445, Rules for Freshwater Mitigation Banking.

The bank sponsor proposes to develop a 25-acre wetland mitigation bank on the 100 –acre parcel by restoring historic wetlands and creating new wetlands from uplands on the property through the destruction of existing drain tiles, grading uplands down to wetland grade, constructing a low, wide dike to help retain water, filling in an existing drain ditch, and diverting water onto the bank site from springs on the property, if necessary.

The ecological goals of the bank are to produce palustrine emergent, scrub-shrub, and forested wetland habitat, to improve riparian habitat for fish passage along Cow Hollow Creek if downstream obstacles are removed, and to provide habitat for several listed species.

In the previous 30-day review period and continuing until the closure of this notice, the Corps and the DSL are assembling a Mitigation Bank Review Team (MBRT), composed of representatives of federal, state and local agencies and other interested parties. The MBRT

will meet periodically to assist in the development of the Mitigation Bank Instrument and Memorandum of Agreement for the proposed bank.

The prospectus, which outlines the conceptual plan for this bank, is available for review at the Corps and the DSL at the addresses given below or electronically from DSL.

Comments on this proposed mitigation bank may be provided to either the Corps or the DSL at the addresses below no later than the expiration date of this public notice.

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